

an originating sheet, covering said outgoing envelope,  
having said addresses printed thereon,  
each of said addresses on said outgoing and said reply  
envelopes being vertically below a corresponding address on said  
originating sheet,  
coats for applying said addresses on said reply envelope  
when said addresses are printed on said originating sheet.

17. (Amended) The postal envelope form system of claim  
[16] 1, wherein said system is for use with postal equipment that  
contacts said envelopes to feed said envelopes through a postal  
envelope processing system that utilizes feeding mechanisms that  
contact said envelopes at mechanism contact points up to approximately  
one and a half inches from a bottom edge of said envelopes, and  
[said] a delivery point barcode[s] is [are] positioned on at least  
one of said envelopes and spaced from [above] said mechanism contact  
points.

18. (Amended) The postal envelope form system of claim  
[12,] 17, wherein [said original sheet comprises approximately  
twelve and one half pound, selectively carbonized bond paper.]  
barcodes are on both the outgoing and reply envelopes at positions  
spaced from said mechanism contact points.

24. (Amended) The postal envelope form system of claim 1,  
[12,] in which said envelopes comprise sheets, and wherein said  
sheets comprise:

a selectively carbonized bond original sheet of first weight  
positioned on top of,

a selectively carbonized bond outgoing envelope face sheet  
of a second weight positioned on top of,

a selectively carbonized bond billing statement sheet of  
said second weight positioned on top of,

a [pound] register bond reply envelope face sheet of a  
third weight positioned on top of,

a register bond reply envelope back sheet of a fourth weight  
positioned on top of,

a register bond outgoing envelope back sheet of said fourth  
weight.

Rewrite claim 25 as follows:

25. (Amended) A method of making a postal envelope form  
system, comprising:

[printing] providing a plurality of sheets, wherein at  
least some of said plurality of sheets have a selectively carbonized  
area to enable transfer of information between sheets;

attaching some of said [plurality of] sheets together so as  
to form an outgoing envelope, and a reply envelope contained within  
said outgoing envelope, and wherein [each of] said [outgoing and]

reply envelope[s] [are] is able to have mail-to and return addresses [pre]printed thereon using said selectively carbonized area[.]

said step of providing sheets including providing an originating sheet that is on top of said outgoing envelope, positioning a carbonized area over each said envelope, printing mail-to and return addresses on said originating sheet, and

positioning said reply envelope in said outgoing envelope with the return address of the reply envelope vertically below the corresponding address of said originating sheet and said mail-to address of said return envelope vertically below the corresponding address on said originating sheet, thereby printing the addresses on the return envelope when the addresses are printed on the originating sheet.

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37. (Amended) The method of claim [36,] 25, wherein [positioning said carbon such that] postal equipment [that] contacts said envelopes to feed said envelopes through a postal envelope processing system and makes contact with said envelopes at contact points up to approximately one and a half inches from a bottom edge of said envelopes, and printing [said delivery point] a barcode[s are] on at least one of said envelopes positioned [above] in spaced relation to said contact points.

*NE 38.* (Amended) The method of claim [35,] 37, comprising  
printing barcodes are on both envelopes in spaced relation to said  
contact points. [wherein said original sheet comprises approximately

twelve and one half pound, selectively carbonized bond paper.]

*NE 44.* (Amended) A business method using a postal envelope form system, said method comprising:

[printing information on] providing said postal envelope form system [,said] with information including billing information;

[mailing an outgoing envelope having] providing said postal envelope form system with an outgoing envelope having [preprinted] first mail-to and return addresses, and providing said outgoing envelope [having contained therein] with a reply envelope located inside the outgoing envelope having [preprinted] second mail-to and return addresses, [.]

providing said envelopes with adjacent contrasting colors including a rectangular area whose color is relatively light and a contiguous area that is relatively dark, and

printing said addresses in said relatively light colored areas to form said addresses.

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50. (Amended) A business method using a postal envelope form system, said method comprising:

[receiving] providing a first envelope having [pre]printed first mail-to and return addresses,

providing said first envelope [having contained therein] with a second envelope for reply having [pre]printed second mail-to and return addresses, [.]

said step of providing a first envelope comprising providing two sheets of paper each of which sheets has four edges and wherein both sheets are of about the same size and shape and are attached together along three of their four edges, one of said edges being a right-hand edge that normally passes through the machine, at the post office that processes such envelopes, prior to the other edges, and

reinforcing said right-hand edge to thereby reduce the possibility that said machinery will seriously damage the first envelope.

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51. (Amended) The business method of claim 50 wherein said [first envelope has further contained therein a billing statement, and said business method further comprises arranging for payment.] step of providing sheets attached and reinforced along the right-hand edge comprises gluing said sheets together along their right-hand edges.

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52. (Amended) The business method of claim 50, further comprising: [providing at least one of payment and payment information, and mailing said reply envelope along with said at least one of payment and payment information.]

providing a billing statement in said first envelope which  
has a right-hand edge attached to said right-hand edge of said  
first envelope, to thereby contribute to said reinforcement, and  
providing said statement with a weakened line parallel to  
and adjacent its right-hand edge to permit easy removal of the  
billing statement from said first envelope.

53. A business method [maintaining a relationship, said method] comprising:

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[receiving at least one of a good and service; and]  
[receiving] providing a first envelope having [preprinted] areas for first mail-to and return addresses, said providing step including providing said first envelope [having contained therein] with a billing statement, [associated with said at least one of a good and service,] and said providing step including providing a second envelope for reply having [preprinted] areas for second mail-to and return addresses, [.]  
providing an originating sheet covering said first envelope and including areas for printing billing information as well as the name and address of the party who will be sending the second envelope,  
providing carbonized areas at least partly covering said second envelope and said billing statement, and  
impact printing means for printing said name and address of said party, and said billing information, on said originating sheet, and via said areas printing said name and address of said party on said second envelope and said name and address of said party and said billing information on said statement.

55. A postal envelope form system comprising:  
an outgoing envelope having [pre]printed thereon a biller  
return address and an outgoing delivery point barcode; and  
a reply envelope contained within said outgoing envelope,  
[said reply envelope having preprinted thereon a customer return  
address, a reply delivery point barcode and face identification  
mark.]

said outgoing envelope having a right-hand edge, a left-  
hand edge, a top edge and a bottom edge, said right-hand edge being  
stronger than the other said edges.

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61. (Amended) A postal envelope form system for use with  
a postal service that has machine equipment processing that carries  
envelopes at least part way through the processing of the envelope  
by the postal service and which machine contacts a portion of  
envelopes passing through it, comprising:

an outgoing envelope and a reply envelope contained within  
said outgoing envelope, wherein said envelopes each have a mail-to  
address and a return address [pre]printed thereon [in white areas  
located among colored areas.] and a barcode on at least one of said  
envelopes outside of the portion of such envelope contacted by said  
machine.

62. (Amended) The postal envelope form system of claim  
61, [wherein said colored areas facilitate correct delivery of a

multitude of said reply envelopes based on the same color corresponding to identical return addresses.] which includes barcodes on both of said envelopes outside of the portions of the envelopes to which said machine contacts.

68. (Amended) A method of making a postal envelope form system comprising the steps of:

printing a plurality of sheets, one of which is a billing sheet and one [some] of which [have] has selectively carbonized areas used for transferring information [impact printed thereon] to said billing [a] sheet, [underneath:]

forming with said sheets, an outgoing envelope with said billing sheet therein, C

forming a line[s] of weakness in said [plurality of] billing sheet[s] to allow easy separation of [a] the billing statement from [a reply envelope, both contained within an] said outgoing envelope; and

gluing said plurality of sheets together to form said postal envelope form system.

Add the following claims:

71. A postal envelope system, comprising:  
an outgoing envelope having a front side and a back side,  
said front side having an upper end and a return address adjacent said upper end,

said back side having a lower end,  
    means adjacent said lower end, for opening said envelope,  
    a reply envelope located in said outgoing envelope,  
    said reply envelope having a lower end that is open when  
    the reply envelope is in the outgoing envelope,  
    a flap on said reply envelope for closing said open end,  
    said flap being positioned closely adjacent said means when  
    the reply envelope is in the outgoing envelope.

72. The method of making a postal envelope system,  
comprising:

    providing  
    a twelve-and-a-half pound selectively carbonized bond  
    original sheet on top of,  
    a sixteen pound selectively carbonized bond outgoing envelope  
    face sheet on top of,  
    a sixteen pound selectively carbonized bond billing statement  
    sheet on top of,  
    a twenty-four pound register bond reply envelope face sheet  
    on top of,  
    a twenty pound register bond reply envelope back sheet on  
    top of,  
    a twenty pound register bond outgoing envelope back sheet,  
    connecting said outgoing envelope face sheet to said outgoing  
    envelope back sheet to form said outgoing envelope,

connecting said reply envelope face sheet to said reply envelope back sheet to form said reply envelope.

73. The method of printing information on an original cover sheet, an outgoing envelope and a reply envelope, comprising:

providing an outgoing envelope,

providing a reply envelope inside of said outgoing envelope and having an upper edge,

providing a cover sheet that has an upper edge,

positioning said cover sheet on said outgoing envelope,

printing the customer's name and address near said upper edge of said cover sheet, and

providing a carbonized area adjacent an area of said reply envelope so that the customer's address that was printed on said cover sheet will appear near said upper edge of said reply envelope.

74. The method of claim 73, comprising:

providing a billing statement in said outgoing envelope,

providing a carbonized area adjacent a portion of said billing statement to enable printing of said customer's name and address on said billing statement.

75. A method of making a postal envelope form system as defined in claim 25, comprising:

providing a cover sheet, on top of said outgoing envelope,

that is relatively light in weight as compared to the sheets comprising said envelopes so that impact printing will readily penetrate the cover sheet and the envelopes will comprise paper strong enough to pass through the rigors of the postal system,

    said printing step comprising impact printing on said cover sheet that penetrates the cover sheet and prints onto said envelopes.

76. A postal envelope system as defined in claim 71, in which said means includes a tab adjacent the lower left end of said back side and which tab is pulled toward the lower right end of said back side to open the envelope, whereby the direction that said tab is pulled is opposite to the direction that the outgoing envelope passes through the postal service's processing machinery.

77. A postal envelope system, comprising:

    an envelope having a front side and a back side,

    said front side having an upper end and a return address adjacent said upper end,

    said back side having a lower end,

    means adjacent said lower end, for opening said envelope,

    said means comprising a tab movable from a position adjacent the lower left end of said back side toward a position adjacent the lower right end of said back side to open the envelope, whereby said tab is pulled during the opening of the envelope in a direction opposite to the direction that the envelope goes through the

processing machinery of the postal service.

78. A business method as defined in claim 53, comprising:  
providing said billing statement with a line of weakness so  
that it may be readily torn apart into first and second pieces,  
said step of impact printing comprising printing billing  
information for the benefit of the person billed on said first  
piece and printing information identifying the person billed on  
said second piece.

79. A postal envelope of the type that passes through  
automatic machinery for reading the address of the addressee,  
comprising:

an envelope comprising an enclosure composed of at least  
one sheet of paper,

said envelope having a front side made of said paper and a  
back side made of said paper, and defining a pocket between said  
front and back sides,

said front side having a front face and an inside face,

said front face having light and dark colored areas, said  
light colored area being positioned to have printed thereon the  
address of the person to whom the envelope is to be sent,

said dark colored area being contiguous with at least a  
portion of said light colored area and

opaque means on said inside face of said front side for